

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH S. CUSHING.

FEBRUARY 8, 1904.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. McNARY, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 6937.]

The Committee on Claims, having considered the bill (H. R. 6937) for the relief of the heirs of Elizabeth Cushing, report the bill to the House with a favorable recommendation that it do pass amended as follows:

In title strike out the word "heirs" and insert the word "estate."

In the title insert the Initial "S." in name of claimant, making it "Elizabeth S. Cushing."

In line 5 insert the initial "S." in claimant's name.

This is a bill enacting—

That the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized and directed to issue duplicates to McHenry Robinson, executor of the estate of Elizabeth S. Cushing, in lieu of United States four per centum registered bonds, funded loan of nineteen hundred and seven, numbered ten thousand seven hundred and twenty-nine, for fifty dollars; numbered forty-eight thousand six hundred and ten, forty-eight thousand six hundred and eleven, forty-eight thousand six hundred and twelve, for one hundred dollars each; numbered twenty-four thousand two hundred and seventy, for five hundred dollars, inscribed in name of Elizabeth S. Cushing, and alleged to have been lost or destroyed: *Provided*, That before the issue of said duplicates the said McHenry Robinson, executor, shall execute or cause to be executed and deposited with the Secretary of the Treasury a bond of indemnity with good and sufficient sureties, subject to the approval of said Secretary, with condition to indemnify and save harmless the United States from any claim because of the lost or destroyed bonds.

Accompanying is a letter from Hon. L. M. Shaw, Secretary of the Treasury, recommending the passage of amended bill.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, January 12, 1904.

SIR: Referring to your letter of the 7th instant transmitting certain bills to this Department for consideration, I have the honor to say respecting H. R. 6936 and H. R. 6937, that both bills relate to the same bonds which are the property of the estate of Elizabeth S. Cushing. They are registered bonds which could not be found by the executor after the payee's death, and duplicates were not issued by the

Department under the general law because no proof could be furnished that the payee did not assign the bonds during her lifetime.

It is suggested that the bill H. R. 6937 be the one adopted by your committee, amended as indicated in the copy herewith returned.

Respectfully yours,

L. M. SHAW, *Secretary.*

Hon. JOSEPH V. GRAFF,

Chairman Committee on Claims, House of Representatives.

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